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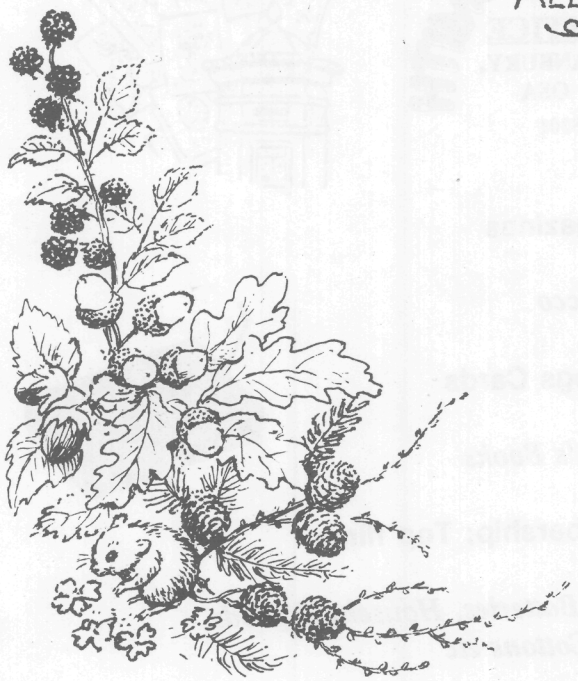

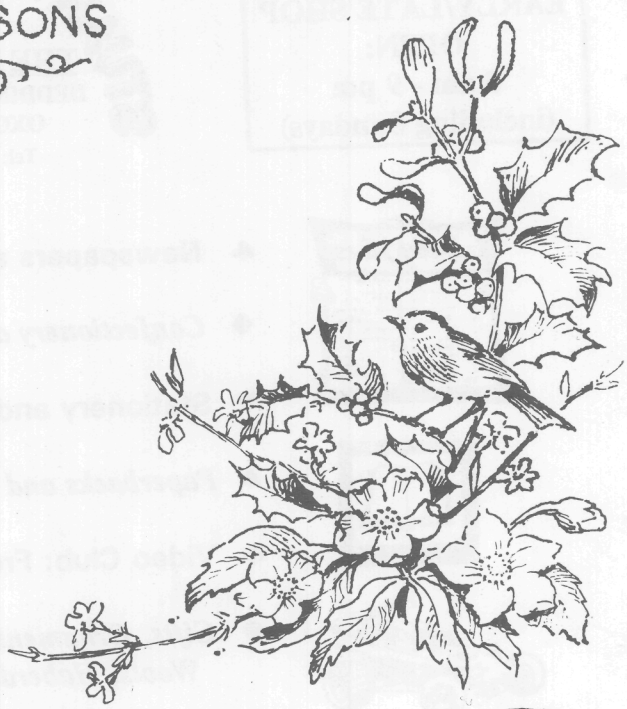

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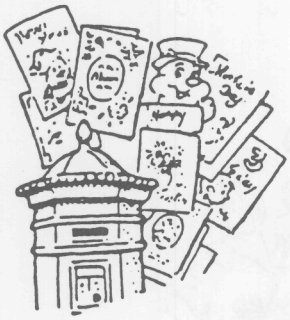

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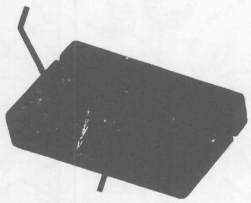

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EDITORIAL

Apologies for the squashed appearance of some pages - it's been truly a matter of quarts in pint pots this issue, despite holding over some regular features.
The New Year (a Very Happy One to you all) brings some changes to the DN team. We bid a sad farewell to Christine Blythe as Advertising Manager, combined with profound THANKS for all her hard work in increasing and coordinating our advertising. And then it's a warm WELCOME both to her successor Tanya Goymour, and to Jackie Williamson who's now established as our Parish Affairs Correspondent.

Another change, if BT had its way, would be the name of this magazine to the Tackley News! You've presumably all heard that all Deddington subscribers' addresses are listed as Tackley in the new Oxford and District telephone directory? BT will no doubt be making some kind of redress for the inconvenience of this piece of idiocy - indeed, for the potential loss of income to Deddington businesses. I'm sure the P.C. will be keeping tabs on the situation.

Thanks to John Neild for revising the bus timetables and, like our correspondent on p.11, I hope there will soon be bus shelters to go with them. Please note the availability of a wider ranging public transport timetable (p.14); also low cost housing (p.3), free door chain fittings (p.12) and extremely low-rental allotments (p.13). And if you're a conservation buff, there's an interesting coordinating job going for the P.C. (p. 2, see first paragraph on Environment.)

Finally have you heard about the Cherwell D.C's rather alarmingly grandiose plans for a Cherwell Valley development centred on the Oxford Canal from Cropredy to Enslow? We're promised lots of consultation... so watch this space!

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels.

Every Friday Katharine House coffee morning at the Unicorn, 10 a.m. till noon.

FEBRUARY DIARY

Wed	1	U3A: Jane Courtenay on Trees In Foreign Lands , Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Fri	3	Carers' Drop-in, Deddington Health Centre, 2- 4p.m.
Tu	14	WI: Mini Auction, Holly Tree Club, 7.30p.m.(p.7)
Wed	15	U3A:Verse on Growing Up In Aberdeen, Mrs. McKinnon, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Wed	15	Parish Council meeting, 7.30p.m., the Town Hall.
Sat	18	British Legion, Tommy Cavanagh.
Tu	21	Deddington Gardeners; National Trust 18th Century Gardens, Holly Tree,7.45pm.(p.7)
Tu	21	Sports Roadshow, Windmill Centre, 10a.m. to Noon.(p.14)
Tu	21	**COPY DATE FOR MARCH DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Th	23	Sports Roadshow, Windmill Centre, 10 a.m. to Noon.(p.14)

MARCH DIARY

Wed	1	U3A: Mrs. J. Perree on Trekking In The Himalayas, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Th	2	Banbury Art Society, Pencil Technique, Church Hall,Marlborough Rd.7.30p.m.
Fri	3	Carers' Drop-in, Deddington Health Centre, 2-4p.m.
Sat	4	PTA, Quiz Night, Deddington School Hall, 7.30p.m. (p.4)
Wed	15	U3A: Mr. John Cheney on Old Banbury,Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Wed	15	Parish Council meeting, 7.30p.m., the Town Hall.
Tu	21	**COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS**
Tu	28	WI: Social Evening, Holly Tree Club, 7.30p.m.
Wed	29	U3A: Mr.J Basely on A Police Exchange Visit To China,Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES on Meeting held on 14 December at 7.30pm at the Town Hall.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. Investigations continue into possible provision of bus shelters. 2. PC discussed desirability of security lighting for vulnerable locations and traditional street lighting for the centre of the village. Cllrs agreed to develop the idea and to enquire about grant availability. 3. Data from the village car parking survey will be analysed and results will be available in the New Year. 4. Hempton notice board can now be used for local notices. More information from the Clerk. 5. A volunteer co-ordinator with an appropriate background is required to work on the Parish Conservation Plan. This is a relatively simple task as farmers already have data and other people have prepared conservation diaries. Volunteers to contact the Clerk.

RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. Only two residents have complained about the tots' play area, which is to be redesigned to make it fit into a smaller space, further away from houses and leaving room for seats and landscaping. Equipment should be in place by end of April and PC has applied for grant from National Lottery funds to help pay for it. 2. PC to liaise with CDC on the development of a linear recreational path between Banbury and Kidlington, especially with regard to car parking in Clifton and Deddington.

PLANNING & PROPERTY: 1. PC approved application for change of use at Priory Dene, Hudson Street for NHS dentist. 2. Revised plans for College Farm are now for three homes but cllrs still concerned about the future of the old barn. PC to recommend proposals for two homes, incorporating the barn. 3. PC to write to CDC strongly opposing the apparent lifting of the age limit at the Banner Homes site in Hudson Street, and supporting a letter from neighbours who are worried about future invasion of their privacy. 4. PC objected to an application to reduce the height of a stone wall at Foxgloves, Hopcraft Lane. Cllrs agreed Deddington's old walls are precious and should be preserved where possible.

WINDMILL CENTRE: 1. Bookings healthy, with £8350 taken in lettings to date. 2. Repairs are progressing; architects to investigate leaking roof. 3. Clubs using the centre are expected to sign their agreements in the new year; there will be no special deal for the Badminton Club, although it could apply to the PC for a grant. 4. Deddington Players to donate proscenium arch to the centre.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE: PC to present retiring fireman Dick Powell with a commemorative silver spoon and tankard on behalf of the Parish, in appreciation of his 34 years service.

LOW COST HOUSING: There have been 13 applications for the scheme so far and PC hopes to receive more. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

CHURCH CLOCK: PC voted to take over responsibility for the immediate repair and future maintenance of the clock, which had stopped again. Cllrs acknowledged the cost element but agreed the village likes and needs the clock.

CLERK'S SALARY: Cllrs agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to bring it up to the nationally recommended minimum amount.

NEXT MEETING: 18 January 1995 at 7.30pm at the Town Hall.

Notes on Meeting held on 18 January at 7.30pm at theTown Hall.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. The first stage of the work to reinstate the Deddington to Clifton footpath has started. It will be completed when materials become available. 2. PC to write to CC asking them to investigate blocked drains which are still causing problems in the village. CC has already promised inspection of Hopcraft Lane where a possible spring is also causing problems. 3. PC to look into possibility of erecting a bridle path sign in the drive at Mill Farm to indicate the correct route. 4. Cllrs agreed to a one year contract costing £210.60 for emptying litter bins at the Windmill Centre and Castle Grounds when the free trial period ends in February. 5. The village car parking survey is now being computer analysed but it will be some time before the results are known. 6. Cllrs agreed to allocate £3,750 towards the proposed scheme for new street lights in Market Place and the Bull Ring. CC is currently drawing up plans which will incorporate attractive reproduction lanterns and a better level of lighting with no orange glow. The scheme is expected to cost around £15,000 and PC hopes the bulk of the cost will be met by CDC's Conservation Area Projects budget.

RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. PC is considering an offer from Persimmon Homes to donate to the Parish an area of open space in front of their site in Hempton Road. 2. The church tower may be lit up permanently during the evenings, to commemorate VE and VJ days, thanks to a £500 grant from CDC. Cllrs agreed to start looking at the scheme immediately. 3. Although the Parish did not win the 1994 Best Kept Village Competition, judges reported favourably on the high level of community activity. They praised aspects of the village such as the Windmill Centre, the inviting looking pubs, the majority of farms, the flowers in the school porch and the well-tended verges and churchyard. 4. PC voted unanimously to buy a mower to lease to the Bowls Club over a five-year period, to avoid VAT. 5. Householders with properties adjoining the tots' play area are happy with revised plans. CDC's grant aid of 50% has been confirmed.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL continued

PLANNING & PROPERTY: 1. No objection to plans for enlarging an extension at 1 St Thomas Street. 2. PC approved plans to reorganise a summer house at Castle View, Goose Green to make it habitable, on condition the windows are of obscure glass and have restricted openings, and that attention is paid to car parking. 3. Approval has been granted for a permanent office building in Johnsons' yard, with conditions on materials, occupancy and car parking. The stone wall is to be retained and maintained at its existing height. 4. Despite PC's objection to its size, a house on Banner's site at The Beeches has been approved. A similar appeal has already been upheld and CDC was concerned about cost implications of a second successful appeal. PC understood reasons but deplored DC's decision.
WINDMILL CENTRE: 1. Still no final accounts; roof still has serious leaks despite recent repairs and problem could end in litigation. 2. Final work still has to be carried out on the all-weather court. 3. An independent arbitrator has inspected the bowling green and the faults are not too serious. Corrective work to be done before PC takes it over. 4. Club agreements are now nearing completion: the Cricket Club will take over full maintenance of the square and the council will cut the outfield; the Football Club was expected to confirm its agreement at its last meeting; despite the Bowling Club's objection to the PC's involvement with the green, agreement is expected to be reached. The club is planning a grand opening for 28 May.
PC FUNDS: £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley), £160,000 (Treasury Deposit), £15,954 (Barclays Bank 14 days notice) & £6,864 (Barclays overnight) totalling £632,818.
BUS TOKENS: PC agreed to increase allowance this year to £19 worth of tokens, for which each pensioner will continue to pay £1. Application forms are available at the post office and tokens will be issued at the Holly Tree Club between 9.30am and noon on Wednesday, 15 March.
CORRESPONDENCE: 1. PCC thanked PC for offering to take on the repair and maintenance of the church clock. The Oxfordshire Stable Clock Company has made a start but further modifications are needed, the cost of which will not exceed £70. 2. Deddington Brownies are to be invited to boost their funds by taking part in the Tidy Britain Group's National Spring Clean from 1-10 April. 3. PC will send two representatives to an open forum on the work of Banbury magistrates on 8 March. 4. More applications are needed before the Low Cost House Housing Scheme can be progressed further. PC agreed to a suggestion to open up the scheme to neighbouring parishes, as long as Deddington applicants are given priority. 5. The Holly Tree Club thanked the PC for its support over the past year, without which the club would have folded. The club received £135 from a raffle at the Post Office, which also raised £50 for the play group.
NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday, 15 February at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

PARISH PRECEPT

What is it? - It's the amount required to pay for the day-to-day running costs of the Parish for the financial year 1st April to 31st March.
What is the estimated cost? - For 1995/96 it is estimated it will total £17,540.
How is it collected? -The District Council collect the precept as an addition to the bill sent to occupiers in respect of the Council Tax, and the above estimate would require an average addition of £23.30 per house.
For 1995/96 the Parish Council have, once again, resolved to meet the cost of the precept from the interest earned on Capital Receipts, thus passing on benefits to all householders, but this is a decision which must be made on an annual basis.

LOW COST HOUSING

The plan to build a number of low cost houses is progressing to a stage where planning application is being sought. They will be built on land in the parish not normally available for housing development, and will thus always remain at a suitable price for those in need - either to rent or buy on a shared ownership basis. **Planning permission will only be granted if sufficient need is established.**

To date only 13 applications have been received and it is very unlikely the District Council will regard these as evidence of sufficient need. When the P.C. carried out its own survey 4 years ago over 70 households expressed a need: - relatives who had left Deddington to live in cheaper housing areas; - young families living with parents-in-law; - retired households in Hempton and Clifton needing to be closer to the centre; - young singles needing a place of their own.

If you or any of your relatives or friends have a need for low cost housing in Deddington please request an application form with pre-paid envelope from David Blakey at his office in the Windmill Centre or from the Kings Arms in the Horse Fair.

Nigel R. Oddy, Parish Councillor.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

You can't have failed to notice them! The temporary classrooms have arrived!

For those of you that don't know, the school is beginning a large programme of improvement and enlargement. This will take place between now and June. The cost will be approximately £100,000 of which the school has to find about £10,000.

On the last day of term I heard that the Department for Education in London has given permission for a new classroom to be built at the school, making 6 in total. It is proposed that the current Junior cloakrooms will be demolished and a new class and cloakrooms built on their site. The architect is currently drawing up plans. This will increase the capacity of the school from 150 children to 180 and go some way to enable us to deal with the residential developments in Deddington and the surrounding area. Over the next 18 months nearly £200,000 will be spend on these alterations and improvements.

The Governors, with the PTA, have created a "100 Club". If you have joined many thanks for your help; it is much appreciated and the funds raised will help the Governors find their £10,000.

JOHN MOFFITT

....AND FROM DEDDINGTON SCHOOL PTA

Deddington School Parent Teachers Association is a group of parents who organise events in order to raise money for the school. This year our fund-raising will be more important than ever in view of the expansion described above, and because of the proposed cuts in education.

The Committee's first fund-raising event was "Santa's Float" in December. **Thank you** for all your support and contributions which enabled us to raise a fantastic £440. Special thanks to Deddington Felt Roofing for the loan of the van and to Weatherhead Electrics for the use of their generator and lights.

Our first social event this year will be a Quiz Night at the School Hall on Saturday, 4th March. Doors open at 7.30 for an 8 pm start; tickets £3 a head to include a baked potato supper. Liquid refreshments will be available from the licenced bar. It will be "teams answers" and we are asking each team to bring a raffle prize. Come along with family and friends to a great evening! Tickets from the school or ring me on 0869-337489.

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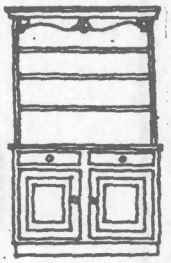

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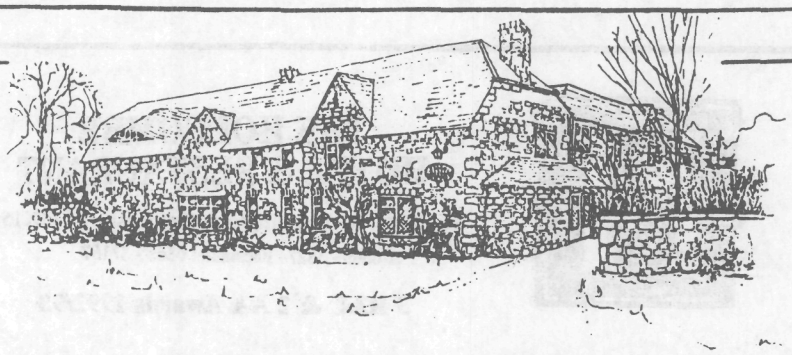

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Thu 2 1.30am. Holy Communion in Featherton House.
2pm. Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
2.45pm. Holy Communion in St. Anne's Home, Clifton
Sun 5 10.30am. Family Communion.
Wed 8 10am. Holy Communion.
Sun 12 10.30am. Sung Eucharist (Preacher: Peter Blackett from Ripon College, Cuddesdon).
Wed 15 11am. Holy Communion.
Sun 19 8am. Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP).
Wed 22 10am. Holy Communion followed by a Healing Service.
Fri 24 Midday prayers and meditation.
Sun 26 10.30am. Sung Eucharist.

March Services.

Wed 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 8pm. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes for all who wish.
Thu 2 2pm. Squeals and Wheels Service.
Sun 5 10.30am. Family Communion.

February Services (*St. John, Hempton*).

Sun 5 & 19 9am Eucharist. Sun 26 6pm Evensong (BCP).
Sun March 5 9am. Eucharist.

All are welcome to attend our services. In the Parish Church after the 10.30am. services we have refreshments for those who can stay served from our new kitchen. The new toilet facilities in the Church are proving helpful for concerts, services etc.

Deddington Church Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, February 2 (Candlemas) at 7.45pm for 8pm. in Corner Cottage (Mrs. H. Hall), Chapel Square, Deddington. Meetings will end by 9pm. All welcome.

Deddington Parish Bible Study Group. will meet on Monday, February 13 at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs. Pauline Ridd). All welcome.

Calling young people Squeals and Wheels Service for toddlers and children in prams on Thursday, February 2, in Deddington Church at 2pm. and every first Thursday in the month at the same time. Service lasts ~20mins.

Children's Church *(under 8 yrs.)* and Church Junior Club *(8-12 years)* meet each Sunday at 10.15am in Deddington Primary School. On first Sunday we go to Church at 10.30am

Youth Fellowship *(12+)* meets Sunday evenings. Details from Rev. Edmund Newell (338988).

Horton General Hospital. Members of Deddington Church Choir and congregation took part in a service for Christmas in the hospital chapel, broadcast over Radio Horton. Choristers also sang carols in the open air for patients in several wards

Lent '95. begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, with a Holy Communion Service in the Parish Church at 8pm. During the service those who wish may receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of being repentant. On Sundays at 10.30am. services there will be special preachers on the theme "Working for the Church". Information about House Group meetings can be found under Inter-Church Activities.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

FUNERALS. December 5, in Deddington - ALEC GEORGE BLAKEMAN, aged 76 years.
December 16, in Deddington and Barford St. John - MARGARET ANN LOVELL, aged 54 years.
January 6, in Oxford Crematorium - ELLEN MARGARET LEWIS, aged 83 years.
January 26, in Oxford Crematorium - EDWIN FREDERICK RICHARD LEWIS, aged 80 years.
January 30, in Deddington & Oxford Crematorium - MARGARET ELIZABETH WARE, aged 84 years.
TRIBUTES TO MR. LEWIS AND MRS. WARE WILL BE IN THE MARCH ISSUE. (EMT).

KEN REEVES (vicar) 338329 ED NEWELL (curate) 338988

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

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Sun 12 10.30am - Pastor I. Walton.
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Sun 26 10.30am - Don Harvey.

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February 11. Children's party at the Holly Tree Club at 2.30pm. All invited.

February 18. Marriage blessing of Cynthia and Pete at 2pm. We all wish them much happiness in their future life together. March 25. The ordination of Pastor Alan Catterall will take place at 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend. The collection from this service will be donated to the Sir Michael Sobell House hospice. March 26. Family Service at 10.30am. All welcome. Evening worship as usual.

DON DAVIDSON 347072

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11.15am Latin Mass at Hethe. FRANK STEINER 338264

INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES. Ecumenical Lenten House Group meetings. These start in the week beginning March 5. The groups will meet each week for 5 weeks on: Monday afternoons (2.30pm.), Tuesday and Friday evenings (7.30pm.). There will be two choices: 1. Watching and discussing the video "Christ our Passover" (Mon. & Tues.). 2. Perspectives on Prayer involving Bible Study and discussion (Mon. & Fri.).

Monday February 6: Ecumenical Prayer Group-will meet at 7.45pm on in the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Friday 24: Mid-day prayers and meditation-12 noon in St Thomas Chapel of the Parish Church.

CHRISTIAN AID. £71.77p was collected over the Christmas period from the three Deddington churches (St. Peter & St. Paul - £37.10p, Congregational Church - £26.30p and Wesleyan Reform Church - £8.37p). Many thanks for your support. Pat Brittain will be taking over from Janet Pratt to help me co-ordinate this year's door-to-door collection (14-20 May). More willing volunteers needed - please contact me. With the increasing number of houses being built in and around Deddington, we need all the help we can get!

LIZ HANDLEY, CHRISTIAN AID CO-ORDINATOR (337243)

Thought for St. Valentine's Day - supplied by Edmund Newell. Infantile love follows the principle: *"I love because I am loved." Mature love follows the principle: "I am loved because I love." Immature love says: "I love you because I need you." Mature love says: "I need you because I love you."* (Erich Fromm).

OBITUARIES.

KATHLEEN RACHEL RUSSELL. Kathleen's funeral took place on December 12 at the Wesleyan Reform Church. Pastor Isobel Walton gave the address, of which this is a précis. (by the CHURCH EDITOR)

Pastor Walton said that this was a time of warm, loving memories for Kathleen's husband Alan, daughter Gloria, and the rest of her extended family. She recalled Kathleen's artistic talents, particularly embroidery, her generous and hard working personality, but most of all her real, living, faith in Jesus Christ. This was shown in her Sunday School teaching and her work with the cub-scouts as well as influencing all she met in her busy life. "Kathleen," said Issy, "was a lady who always had time for others and for the important things of life."

ALEC BLAKEMAN, late Secretary of the Deddington Branch and Club, Royal British Legion.

On Saturday, November 27, 1994, Alec Blakeman passed away in the Horton General Hospital. He joined the Deddington Branch when, with his wife, he moved here in 1988. He had served with the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry from 1939-47, being taken prisoner of war at Dunkirk. During his membership he became Secretary to both Branch and Club. He was a very hard working and efficient officer, working tirelessly to the time of his illness. Alec will be sadly missed by all members. His funeral at Deddington Church was well supported by relatives, friends and British Legion members. Our Deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Joyce Blakeman and family.

ARTHUR LEWIS (PRESIDENT). *(KEN REEVES INFORMS ME THAT HE WATCHED ALEC PLAY AS A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER AT BRENTFORD IN THE LATE 1940'S! - EMT)*

ELLEN MARGARET LEWIS, aged 83 years. Born in Denmark Hill, London, she came to Deddington in 1950 to live with her sister and married Edwin (Ted) in 1954. She worked for Export Packing and later for Wells in Deddington Market Square. Before retiring she undertook lunchtime duties in the Primary School.

MARGARET ANN LOVELL, aged 54 years. Margaret came to live in Barford St. John when she married Fred Lovell, a farmer, in 1963. They had three children, Elaine, Mark and Frances. As well as undertaking the farm administration, she played a full part in community and church activities, being Secretary of Deddington Deanery Synod, Churchwarden and organist in the Barford churches and a member of Deddington Church Choir. We extend our deepest sympathies to Fred and his family. KEN REEVES.

(Her infectious smile and optimism, and her caring, will be missed by all who knew her - SN)

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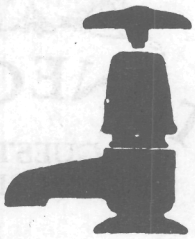

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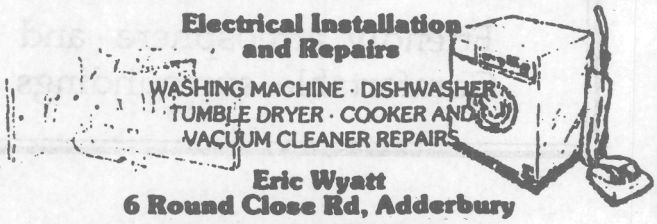

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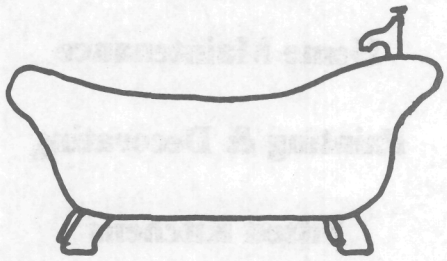

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

For the March issue Diary Editor Jean Flux will also be acting Clubs Editor

DEDDINGTON WI

Everyone enjoyed the January meeting when George Spenceley gave a super talk on his trip down the Mississippi in a canoe. Mr.Spenceley has a splendid set of slides to show and an exciting tale to tell. His wife, Sylvie, deserves a medal for agreeing to go with him. Many thanks, George, for a most interesting evening.
For future plans: we have applied to go on a visit to Buckingham Palace in July or August, and will be told soon if we are among the chosen. Due notice will be given to members and a coach party of about 50 would have to be made up. Other Institutes in the Group may be asked to join.-- Also, a Social Evening is planned for March 28th at the Holly Tree Club. More of this later.
The next meeting will be on February 14th when we shall have our annual Mini-Auction, so members please bring along items for sale. 7.30 at the Holly Tree.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 338251

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

It's been a while since you heard from us, so I'll start by giving an update on our past fund-raising events. The children did a sponsored " Search" and raised £347. The Jumble Sale raised £49. The Fashion Show raised £160 and we thank everyone who supported us and those who donated raffle prizes. A special thank-you must go to Mrs.Hayward for her wonderful knitted toys and to Marilyn Simons for opening the school for us. We hope to have another Spring/Summer Show and will let you know the details as soon as we can. The sale of Christmas cards and wrapping paper raised £33 and sales of photos after the photographer's visit made £100.
The children's Christmas party was again held at the British Legion Hall, thank you Di Keats. At the end of last term we said good-bye to Charlie Inshaw, Jennifer Castle-Miller, Alice Lacey, Thomas Rogers and Joanna Wright. We wish them well at school. We welcome to the Group Jack Davies, Joshua Herring, James Oxley, Isobella Radini and Andrew Wright. If you are interested in your child joining the Group you are welcome to visit us. We are open Monday- Friday 9.15-11.45.
Finally, thank-you to Stuart and Gill Smith for the donation of £50 from the Toblerone Raffle held at the Post Office.

TRACY ROGERS 338726

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Our last meeting of 1994 was a very happy and successful Christmas Lunch at the Black Boy at Milton. 1995 started with a talk on Turkey which was thoroughly enjoyed by members. Mr.Chris Bond provided them with an excellent insight into Turkey's history and showed some marvellous slides.
An interesting series of talks has been arranged for the year and copies of the official programme will be available at the first meeting in February, including details of Sunday Lunches.
Our Hon. Treasurer, Bill Horsfield, is making good progress after his stay in Hospital and we look forward to seeing him back soon.
We are always delighted to welcome new members at our meetings. They are held at the Windmill Centre at 2.30pm, you will find the dates in the Diary section, or ring me for further details.

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Goundrey orders Have you collected your order from Castle End yet? If not, please do so by this weekend. After that what remains will be moved to Betty Hill's (Leadenporch House). Your bill will come with your new Membership card. Please pay Betty or me as soon as possible.
Tuesday, 21 February 7.30 for 7.45pm at the Holly Tree Club. Dr.Paul Ranger from Oxford will come to talk to us about Eighteenth Century landscape gardens with special reference to Stowe and Rousham. He is speaking on behalf of the National Trust to which a donation will be given.Cost £1-50, guests as well as members will be welcome. Light refreshments.
Advance notice Our visit to Ryton Organic Garden near Coventry will be on Saturday, April 8th. We have booked lunch at 12 noon (numbers to be confirmed later) and a guided tour at 2pm. Please phone me for details and let me know if you are interested in coming so that I can confirm arrangements.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

CALLING ALL CLUBS continued

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

The Pantomime is over. Very many thanks to all those who came to support our endeavours; we hope you had fun. We had a very good turn out at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 22nd. to help tidy up and restore the room to its usual state. When you visit the hall you will notice that the new proscenium arch has been so constructed that it can be moved back when not in use. Alan Gibb's cleverly painted architectural frame conceals a special wooden joist of high load-bearing capacity for increased safety. The good attendance at this year's production means that we will be able to afford to introduce further refinements in our equipment in future. Did you enter the Quiz? Here are the answers: 1. The mice had fricassée of old boots for dinner. 2. Fairy Nuff works for the Sorcerer's apprentice. 3. Etna wants a pink dress. 4. Vesuvius likes pearls. 5 Sher Khan got rid of a plague of mice in Baghdad. 6. The Fairy Godmother gave Cinderella Beauty and Patience. - Four sugar mice have set off on their journeys to the homes of those who wrote the winning entries: Chris Nash, aged 5; Kate Stevens, aged 10; Amy Stevens, aged 12; Katie C. from Farnborough, aged 14.

Just before Christmas the Deddington Players once again arranged an outing for a group from the school to see Aladdin in Oxford; a thoroughly good time was had by all and we were delighted to receive a gracious letter of thanks for that and for our help with the staging and lighting of their Christmas Music Hall.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday Side, Results

Kings Sutton Res(a)	Won 1-0	D.Churchill
Broughton N Newington Res(a)	Won 4-1	M.Berry 2,P.Gibbs,M.Hewitt
Sonning Common(h) Junior Sh.	Lost 0-2	
Broughton N Newington Res(h)	Won 3-0	M.Berry, D.Churchill,D.Southam
Lesme(a) Dave Gibbard Cup	Won 4-1	M.Berry 2,D.Churchill,M.Hewitt
Cropredy Res(h)	Won 2-0	M.Hewitt, M.Berry
Shipston(h)Benev.Cup	Lost 1-7	M.Hewitt

A good two months with Deddington now in the Semi-Finals in the Dave Gibbard Cup. They are in 2nd position in League Div.3. Michael Hewitt is leading scorer with 14.

Sunday Side, Results

Banb. Pre-Press(a) John Wood C	Won 3-0	M.Springall, D.Farley,K.Harrison
Bodicote(h)	Won 4-3	N.Coles 2, A.Shepherd,M.Springall
Enstone(h)Sam Waters C	Won 3-0	M.Springall, A.Shepherd,K.Stratford
Jolly Weavers(a)	Won 3-1	N.Coles 2, K.Stratford
Northern Rangers(h)John Wood C	Won 6-1	N.Coles 2, D.Farley 2,M.Springall 2
Highfield SC(h) Sam Waters C	Won 5-0	N.Coles 2,D.Farley 2,G.Harrison

Once again a perfect month for this side. They are making good progress in the Sam Waters Cup competition, which they won last season. They are also in the latter stages of the John Wood Cup. Position is top of 3rd Division with Neil Coles as leading scorer (38).

Sunday Reserve Side, Results

Juniper Res(a) Res.Cup	Lost 0-5	
Mill(a)	Won 3-1	M.Doggett 2, K.Mitchell
Northern Rangers(a)	Won 5-0	M.Doggett 2,K.Mitchell, I.Skuce, C.Hill
Horton Sports(h)	Won 3-0	M.Doggett, P.Gibbs, C.Hill
Rylands Res(a)Res.Cup	Lost 2-4	G.Smith, C.Hill
Mill(h)	Won 2-0	M.Doggett 2

The side is doing well and their wins have put them into 3rd place of Div.4. Mark Doggett is currently enjoying a purple patch in terms of goal scoring, and he is now joint leading scorer with Kelvin Mitchell (9).

STEVE PLUMBE 338512

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BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Members are keenly looking forward to the use of the new Green at the Windmill when the outdoor season starts in May. After having played all our matches "away" for the past three years we shall greatly appreciate the new facilities on home territory. They will be looked after with tender loving care, particularly by Sid Munson, our Greenkeeper.

Until now, it is only fair to say, that we have been viewed as very much a small Club, but there are already encouraging signs that our membership will increase and we could hope to become at least a medium sized Club within the next two years. As soon as the season gets under way we plan to arrange playing sessions on the Green for anyone who feels they would like to give the game a try. Details will be published later, but in the meantime if you would like more information about membership etc., please contact me or the Captain, John Boyt (338897).

JOHN HUMPHREYS, SECRETARY 338130

DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB

Matches to date:

Mens: Bloxham, Won 5-4; Demag, Won 7-2; Banbury Town, cancelled
Ladies: Chipping Norton, Lost 8-1
Mixed: Demag, Lost 6-3; Bloxham, Won 5-4
P. Mixed: Lost: Brackley 6-3, Cramic 6-3, Demag 7-2, Marlborough 5-4

Jo Barlow had her debut match against Chipping Norton and played superbly.
The Christmas Dinner was held on 28 January at the Holcombe Hotel.
We welcome new members on Club Nights, Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm and Thursdays 8-10pm.

LYNNE PHILLIPS 337475

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

There seems to have been a great deal of illness about, with people keeping very much within doors. We hope February will see everyone recovering. Several people have expressed their pleasure at seeing the new footpath fingerposts, though in some instances it is not quite clear where one is expected to walk. However, we hope this is a step in the right direction!

NAN HARRIS

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood.

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for January 1845:

7th JANUARY - Mr. & Mrs. Spurrell arrived by coach from Birmingham to take up the post of Curate here - and to reside in the Vicarage.
14th JANUARY - I called at Franklin's, the Druggists, to enquire after his nephew who unfortunately last night accidentally set himself on fire with a box of Lucifers matches - and was so much burnt (he being tipsy at the time) as to be obliged to be removed to the Infirmary at Oxford.
15th JANUARY - Mr. C. Faulkener called and took up my time for nearly an hour, requesting my signature to a Temperance Society petition to control or altogether abolish Beer Houses especially and other low houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors - I told him that in signing it I did not mean to intimate thereby that I had changed my sentiments about teetotalism and total abstinence.
18th JANUARY - I called at Franklin's, the Druggists, to announce that I had received a hopeless account from Oxford of their poor nephew, Higgs, who was burnt so shockingly by his own imprudence a few days ago.
20th JANUARY - I gave away a bull we were obliged to kill to about 40 of the largest families.
23rd JANUARY - Susan, Betsy, Holford, Willy and myself went to Mr. Cotterell Dormer's annual Ball and Supper.
27th JANUARY - We heard from our dear Holford who had returned to Mr. Faithfull's at Heyford, who was as he always is after leaving home, more or less in the dumps. Went to witness the disposal by Mr. Lymouth who was leaving for London of his business of Blacksmith to a Mr. Biles.
28th JANUARY - Franklin came down on business - he had been to Chastleton timber sale and bought me three trees - and one for himself. He ought to have purchased the largest tree in the Sale for me - but he was afraid to bid beyond £54.15.0d, it contained 300 ft. - sold for £55 or 3/8d per ft. Was busied getting ready to go with Betsy to Brighton tomorrow, for the last time as a schoolgirl.

. . . and 50 years ago

Contributions received (and others promised) describing your memories of VE AND VJ Days will form a special feature in the May-July issues. We'd still like to hear from more of you.
Below we publish a thought-provoking response to two thought-provoking views printed in the December issue regarding those historic 50th anniversaries.

FROM John Cresswell

Our own present and future generations should, I believe, be reminded of and be proud of the enormous contribution made by Great Britain and the Commonwealth to the Allied victory over the evils of Hitler's Nazism and Mussolini's Fascism. In 1940, when our fortunes were at their lowest ebb, Churchill said:"Without Victory there is no survival." Five long years later that victory ensured the survival of our democratic way of life and restored democracy to much of the rest of Europe. Reason enough for celebration then and, surely, 50 years later.
On VE Day 1945, I was just back in England and on leave after nearly five years' service in the Middle East. My father had died in my absence, my elder brother had been killed on active service. I found my mother with friends and we returned to our bomb-damaged house. As we set about trying to make it habitable, the BBC Radio News (no TV in those days!) confirmed Germany's unconditional surrender. Then came graphic commentaries as the joyous crowds thronged Trafalgar Square and teemed in the Mall and outside Buckingham Palace, where the Royal Family and the War Cabinet waved from balconies, sharing the jubilation. The sense of thanks-giving and relief was overwhelming.
I took a short walk and was greeted by laughter and handshakes on every side. Spring was in the air. There was a new spirit of hope abroad. I seized a pick and shovel and began to demolish the Anderson air-raid shelter.
God willing, I shall find another modest but symbolic way of recognising this year's special anniversaries. If others wish to do so more colourfully (but sensitively) I shall be happy. What a wonderful bonus it would be if these occasions rekindled that spirit of hope I experienced 50 years ago, to stem the tide of cynicism and division so prevalent in society today.

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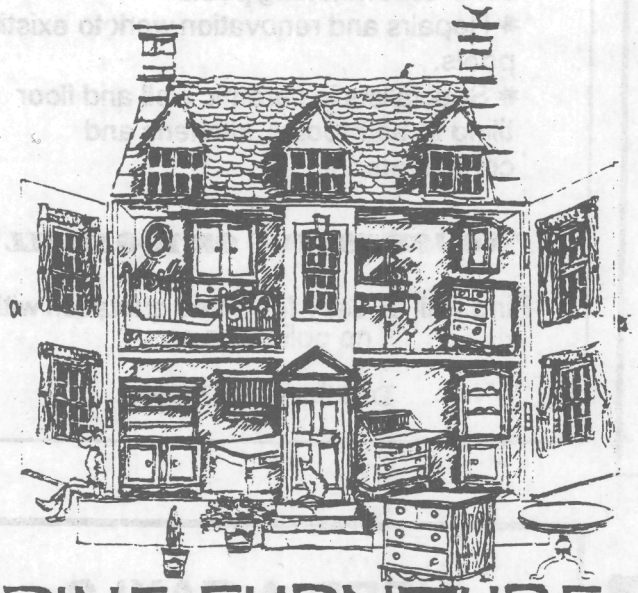

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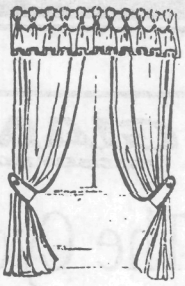

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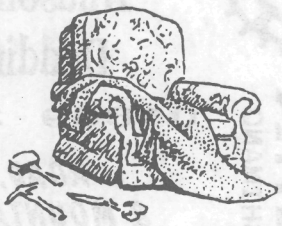

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

For the March issue Features Editor Molly Neild will also be acting Letters Editor

FROM TED HARRIS, ST. JOHN'S WAY, HEMPTON

I should like to thank all my friends in Deddington and Hempton who have sent cards and best wishes during my recent illness. Their concern is much appreciated. I hope to be in circulation again before too long.

FROM JOYCE BLAKEMAN, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

Joyce and the family of the late Alec George Blakeman wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness, help and messages of condolence. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and staff at Laburnum Ward at the Horton General Hospital, and to the Vicar, the Reverend Ken Reeves, and the Curate, Ed Newell, for the beautiful service which took place at Deddington church on Monday, December 5th, 1994. The family were so pleased that so many from the various organisations were in attendance, especially the presence of the Royal British Legion's standard bearer and escorts. Thanks are extended to J. & M. Humphries, Funeral Directors of Banbury, for excellent arrangements. Finally I wish to thank Mrs. D. Keats for the lovely refreshments which were greatly appreciated by all at the Royal British Legion.

FROM MRS. J. WARD, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

As at long last we have a Parish Council that concedes the need for bus shelters, one hopes that their appearance will not be long delayed. In the strong recent gales during which these words are penned at home, I ask myself how many members of the PC know what it means to wait for transport in the open to the risk of one's health. Many years ago my late husband and I suffered illness from doing so.

One hopes that the promised bus shelters will soon be in place without the suggested funding by advertisements to mar their appearance. Does the Parish Council really think that to have such accretions will enhance the impression of this village? Why bother about tubs and displays of flowers and then take such a mercenary attitude to what should be part of Deddington's amenities? This village is the only one between Banbury and Oxford that lacks shelters.

(We should be interested to hear from anyone with views on this - EDS.)

FROM BILL HUNT, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON

How many of the present residents of Deddington and its surrounding area remember H.S. Chislett's shop which, among other items, sold a wide variety of clothing, including boots and shoes, at the beginning of this century? Chisletts' accounts were rendered on a document which contained an illustration of the shop front - which was double sided with the entrance door in the centre - and also informed customers that he was an insurance agent, an agent for Frister and Rossmans' sewing machines which could be purchased for £2.16.0, and also furnished funerals. I pose this question because one of Chislett's bill-heads is among a number of items which have been donated to Deddington Museum by June and Del Ivory on their departure from Deddington. The Ivorys ran Tiffany's Restaurant in the Market Place for a number of years and I think this was the building from which H.S. Chislett operated his shop.

Further information would be gratefully received - does anyone possess a sewing machine purchased from Chislett's? And may I also take the opportunity to thank Del and June for the items they have donated. Additionally I am sure that many of your readers would want to wish them well in their new abode in Devon. Those of us who live in Earls Lane have lost excellent neighbours.

PUSSY CAT APPEAL !!

When we moved from The Daedings into rented accommodation in October, our beloved black cat Todd went to Leadenporch Farm until we found a new home. Over half-term he went missing. The vet suggests he may have "gone home" to Deddington. A black cat wearing a collar has been seen around The Daedings; Todd didn't have one but perhaps someone has adopted him and put one on him. If you can help trace a much-loved puss cat please telephone: **Tricia and Steve Neasham 0280-702874** or **Debbie and Alastair Welford 338484.** T h a n k y o u !

EVENTS..... at home

CINDERELLA - For the third year running Deddington was regaled with a Pantomime involving innumerable local folk, including some of the oldest and youngest. If one can judge by the enthusiastic response of Friday night's audience this "institution" seems ensured of a very long life.
Jean Flux and Molly Neild's Cinderella followed the traditional "Rags to Riches" story line in polished and witty rhyming couplets, but also offered us an original bonus in some supplementary material concerning Dick Whittington, his cat and a small army of hyper-active mice. The text of our collaborators, who also directed the show with admirable skill, was up to their usual high standard, though I felt it would have been fun to hear rather more local references.
Foremost praise should go to Allan Gibbs and his team who designed and constructed the set. The transformations were expertly handled and such a solid and colourful setting ensured that the cast could perform with confidence and conviction.
The costumes and props helped a great deal too, thanks to Jo Mace and her helpers and had obviously demanded a great deal of patient labour behind the scenes. It was good to see old friends graciously arriving for the Ball in such style, and it was a delight to see the children giving of their best.
We all enjoyed the songs - and Elizabeth Reed's accompaniment - and the quite remarkable range from the sweet and dulcet tones of Cinderella, the Prince, Dick, Sher Khan and the Fairy Godmother to the Belto Canto of the ugly sisters.
Jim Flux was in his usual volcanic form, admirably complemented by Nick Lester's eruptions. There were stalwart performances by George Fenemore and Ken Reeves, whose appearance was greatly enhanced by a splendid wig. The climactic arrival of the splendid coach bedizened with fairy lights and drawn by striking white chargers, was a real coup de theatre and made for a memorable finale with Handbell ringing, a rousing chorus, and everyone on and off the stage enraptured with the fun and excitement of a great occasion.

PHIL COTE.

..... and abroad

A HIGHLIGHT OF 1994 During October a group, under the leadership of the Rev. Ken Reeves, our Parish Priest, toured Jordan and Mount Sinai. Although our presence there did not hit world headlines, the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel at Wadi Araba, just north of Aqaba, did. There the U.S. President Bill Clinton witnessed "A new dawn of peace" being signed. He then followed our party to Amman and became the first head of a foreign country to address a joint session of the Jordanian parliament. This was history in the making.
Previously our visit to the monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mount Sinai in Egypt had recaptured that historic moment when Moses received from God the Ten Commandments which were to become the fundamental elements of all moral law. They have had a tremendous influence not only on the Jews but on mankind as a whole.
Later, at Mount Nebo from where Moses viewed the promised Land, died and, according to tradition, was buried, the Rev. Ken Reeves, with Rev. Christine Sindall of Cambridge, celebrated Eucharist. This was in the church built by Franciscans in the 1930s to protect the ruins of 4th and 6th century churches.
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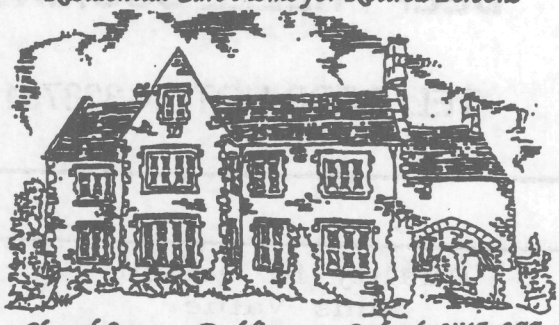

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NATURE NOTES

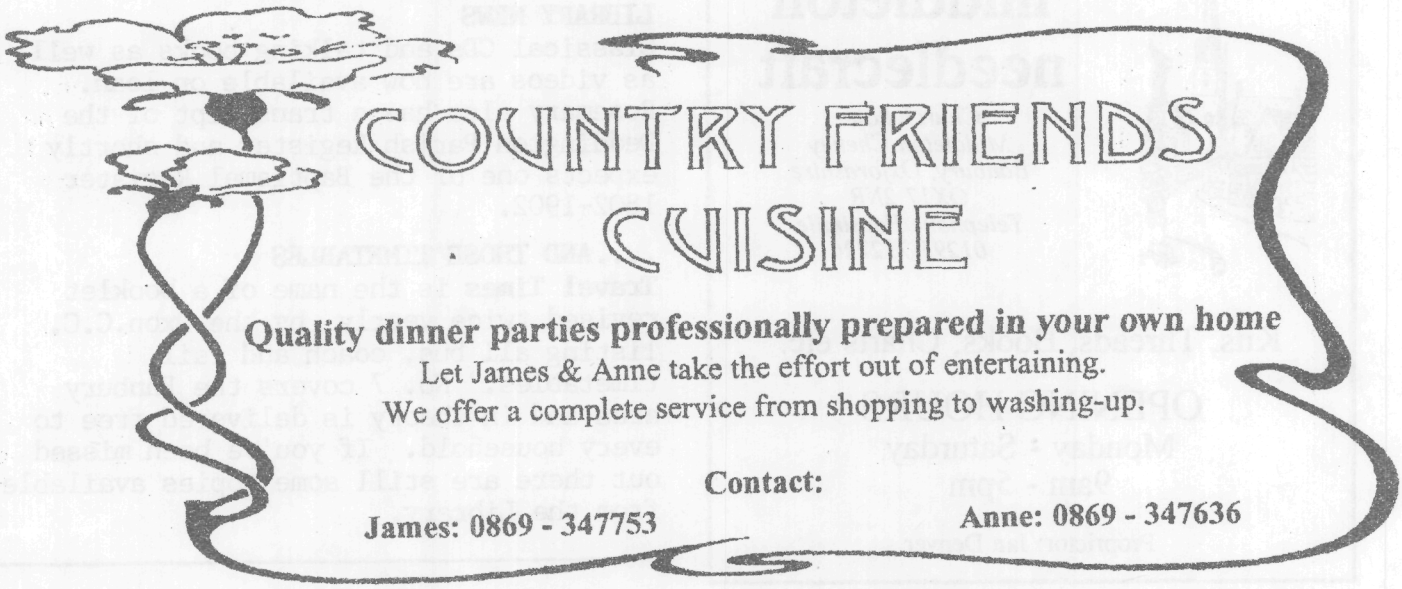
In many respects February could be considered as the first month of Spring, particularly in the bird world. Anyone driving around this area will notice that rookeries, quiet since September, are now very busy indeed. As with many species of birds, only the female rook builds the nest while the male supplies some of the building materials. Another bird showing signs of spring behaviour is the blackbird. This regular visitor to most gardens is ideal for studying courtship displays. The male can be seen courting the female by partially raising its crown feathers, compressing the neck feathers, fluffing out those on the body, particularly on the rump; at the same time the tail is fanned and dropped. Maintaining this posture it moves around the female, occasionally bowing and uttering a rather strangulated song. Such displays are a vital part of pair formation which is a prelude to nest building and egg laying.
Around Deddington you should expect to see most common garden species plus some more interesting ones such as Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Siskins. By attracting small birds to your garden there is also a good chance that a Sparrowhawk might pop in for dinner.
At the beginning of this winter there was a serious problem facing our hedgehog population. Due to the cold damp spring the breeding season was over a month late, resulting in many of last year's new born hedgehogs being below the minimum 600 gram. weight required for successful hibernation. At one stage it looked as if they would all perish. However, the very mild November and December enabled the young hedgehogs to continue feeding on worms and insects that had not yet begun to hibernate themselves. Nature does seem to have a way of balancing things out.

JONATHAN HOOK

...AND DIGGING FOR PLEASURE AND TABLE

The origins of the English allotment are probably due in part to both the ruthless acceleration of land enclosure in the middle of the 18th century and the gradual erosion of the tithe payment system. Whatever the truth, they are still a part of the English landscape and Deddington is fortunate to have such a large facility down Satin Lane, off St. Thomas Street.
Sadly, even in times of early retirement and unemployment, they are under-used. An allotment comes cheap: £10 a year for a chain (22 yards), £5 for half a chain. The Parish Council has spent a considerable sum bringing water to the site and they will carry out an initial cut and rotivation of a patch for any taker. The rest is up to you! Thelma Dover is a splendid example of what can be achieved in a short space of time, and last year we brought home strawberries, raspberries, beans, peas, leeks, sprouts, carrots (not very successful), beetroot, lettuce, onions, spinach and potatoes, as well as mint, garlic and parsley. I like it down there; it's quiet and there are birds, butterflies and foxes. To the east are the remains of the Castle, and it's probable that this ground has been tilled for more than 900 years.
Give it a whirl, spring is not far off! Ring Bill Drake (338477) or Oliver Hades (338029) or Ray Amplett (338443)

BILL DRAKE



DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire Calls 1994: Between 19 November and 31 December we received 29 calls which were: 2 van fires; 2 rubbish fires; 1 chimney fire; 1 petrol spillage; 4 road traffic accidents; 1 beam in a chimney on fire (the towering inferno); 1 call to a large fire at Randell & Parker Meat processing factory at Gawcott, Buckinghamshire; 11 false alarms with good intent; 4 false alarms on automatic systems; two calls to stand by at other stations. This brought the total number of calls for the year to 261, which was 42 more than in 1993.

Fire Calls 1995: Today is 22 January and up until the time of writing, we have received 18 calls which were : 2 car fires; 2 Chimney fires; 1 electrical fire; 1 road traffic accident; 1 acetylene leak, 5 false alarms with good intent; 4 electrical defects on automatic systems and 2 calls to stand by at other stations.

Recruitment : I am pleased to say that we have had one person join us, namely Karl Garside, who lives in the High Street and is at present undergoing induction training before he can turn out on calls. Unfortunately, as I write, Richard Powell has only one more day to go before he has to retire from the Brigade. We shall be holding a social evening and making a presentation to him on Friday 27 January at the British Legion.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES (338943)

B E L L S I would like to thank the Deddington News for the publicity given to the ringers, the Hand Bell ringing over Christmas, and the "more ringers" appeal.

The hand bell ringing was a great success at several different parties in Deddington, Hempton, Clifton, North Newington and Bloxham, as well as Radio Oxford. The total money received for the Belfry Fund was £155.07 for which we thank you all very much; also all those who so generously sent us donations.

As to Tower Bell ringing, we are still only 10 in number; the ideal number to ring Eight bells is 16 so that we can keep all eight ringing at all times - and have a Sunday off now and again. If you feel you would like to help. please come and see us in the Belfry or ring me on Deddington 338513. It is very healthy exercise in a pleasurable way for any age - 8 to 80, both male and female. Come and give it a go!

BILL IVINGS, Tower Captain.

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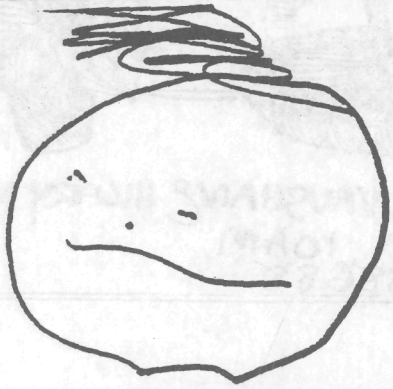

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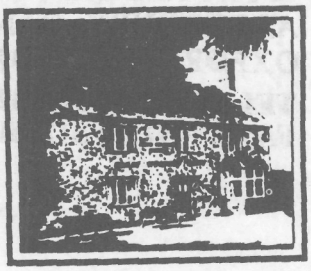

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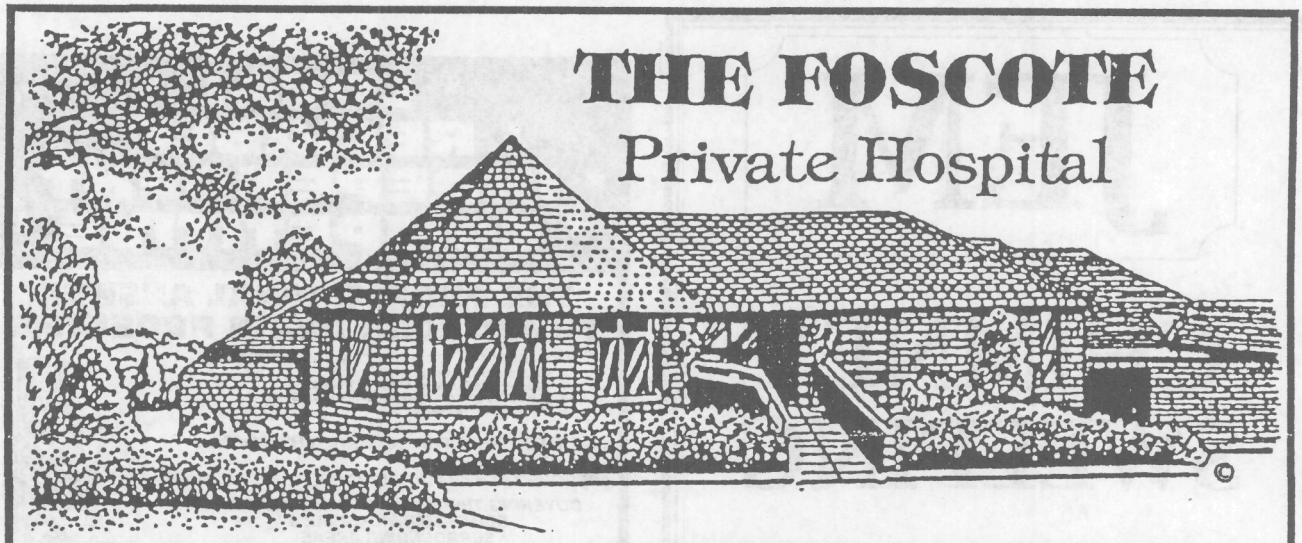

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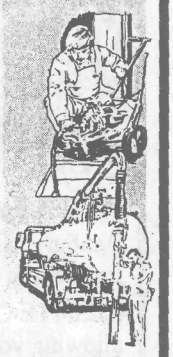

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